

In association with Visiting Arts and Jerzy Onuch (Curator, CCA Kyiv), the Lux Gallery presents the exhibition "The Best Artists of the 20th Century" by the Masoch Fund.

"Talking of 'The Best Artists of the 20th Century' project I have to stress that The Masochists, as many other 'serious amateurs', collect art in amagnitude of forms. They are Great Collectors of the ideas, artifacts and memorabilia of the past century. The main difference between them and a typical collector is in the subject of their practice. They collect ideas, images, documentary material and original works by the heroes of the 20th century drama - the Politicians, Mystics, Extremists, Maniacs, etc".

Jerzy Onuch

The organization so-named Masoch Fund was set up in Western Ukraine in Lvov (the Motherland of Saher-Masoch, the author of "Venus in Furs" and the man who quite literally put the M into S&M). The Fund, however, is not a traditional Eastern European memorial trust dealing with the literary and biography heritage of the writer. Neither is the name Masoch used for identification of the specific personality, but as an easy recognized ideological symbol. Masoch Fund has become a centre for independent curators and producers, organized by the artist Ihor Podol'chak, his manager and later his co-author Ihor Dyurych. The assignment of the Fund was to create an intellectual and artistic residence in Ukraine for implementation of projects related to the psycho-erotic the most somber side of being.

Space station (1993) and a charitable lottery in Vladivostok where the winners were awarded coffins, emphasising a belief that a decent burial for the underprivileged should be a global priority. Exhibitions include "Postwar Art", Szuper Gallery, Munich (1995), "Mausoleum for the President", National Museum of Ukraine Art, Kyiv (1994), "Man of Year", Ukraine Palace, Kyiv (1998), and "Last Concert Tour of Ukraine", Kyiv, (2000). The Masoch Fund work in a range of digital and moving-image media.

The development of this particular show - The Best Artists of the 20th Century - was marred by controversy earlier this year when the project was usurped by the National Union of Artists as the official Ukrainian representation at this year's Venice Biennale. An incident which is in itself a reflection of the cultural unease facing Ukraine which presently finds itself somewhere between Soviet and post-Soviet ideologies.

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FREUD

"Suppressing of Superbeing". Video

DeSalvo

"Still Life". Photo

DAHMER

"Portrait of Death". Photo

**BONNIE
& CLYDE**

"The Wedding Album". Photo

MA

"Phoenix". Video

POLPOT

"Shot". Video

"Destruction" Wall painting

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